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(Original, Design, National Stage of PCT, Supplemental)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is of the following type: (check one applicable item below)

- original
- design
- supplemental
- National Stage of PCT
- divisional (see added page)
- continuation (see added page)
- continuation-in-part (see added page)

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name. I believe that the named inventor listed below is the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION****MULTI-STAGE TRANSMISSION****SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

The specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

- (a)  is attached hereto.
- (b)  was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
 Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ or  
 Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_\_ as Serial No. (not yet known) and  
 was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).
- (c)  was described and claimed in PCT International Application  
 No. PCT/EP2003/007214 filed on July 5, 2003 and as amended under  
 PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if any).
- (d)  amended on \_\_\_\_\_

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint all of the practitioners associated with the Customer No. 020210, namely, Anthony G. M. Davis, Registration No. 27,868, Gary D. Clapp, Registration No. 29,055, Michael J. Bujold, Registration No. 32,018, Scott A. Daniels, Registration No. 42,462 and Jay S. Franklin, Registration No. 54,105, as attorneys and/or agents to represent the undersigned before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in connection therewith.

- Attached as part of this Declaration and Power of Attorney is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent Office all information which is known to be material to patentability of this application as defined in § 1.56 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

**PRIORITY CLAIM**

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

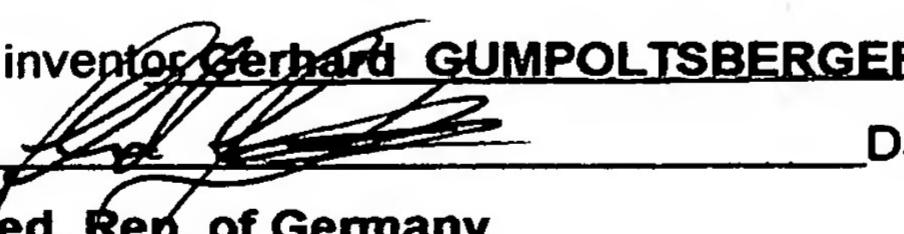
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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